



April 2010 Update

With water flowing down the normally dry Salt River, the effort Tempe's residents take in properly disposing of unwanted household hazardous waste takes on even more meaning. It's hard to imagine the negative impact improper disposal can have on a "dry" river, but when you see water flowing it becomes very evident that it can take very little to impact a large amount.

This month 600 residents used the HPCC surpassing the old record of 480. The Public Works, Green Day Challenge was a big factor in the number of visitors. The big winner is Tempe's environment, with 43 tons of Household Hazardous Waste collected since January 2010.

Here are some substances collected that if improperly disposed of would have negative impact on our surface and ground water.

Flammable Substances	5 tons
Automotive Fluids	3 tons
Batteries	2 tons
Toxic or Poisonous Substances	1 ton
Mercury*	31 Pounds

* The EPA has determined that mercury is so toxic to the environment and human health that if 1 pound is spilled they must be notified to ensure proper clean-up.



Household Products Collection Center

1320 E. University Drive
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Hours

Friday 7:00 to 12:00
Saturday 7:00 to 1:00

